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SUBJ: AAFLI DENIED POLICE PERMIT TO CONDUCT SEMINAR

REF: BANGKOK 33519

1) ON MORNING OF DECEMBER 10 BANGKOK METROPOLITAN PLICE DEPARTMENT DENIED ASIAN-AMERICAN FREE LABOR INSITUTE (AAFLI) REQUEST FOR POLICE PERMIT TO CONDUCT LABOR EDUCATION SEMINAR DECEMBER 10 AND 11 ON "METHODS AND TECHNIQUE OF COMMUNICATIONS." BANGRAK DISTRICT POLICE COMMANDER SAID DECISION, IN WHICH BANGKOK PEACEKEEPER GEN. SAEM NA NAKHON CONCURRED, WAS BASED ON FOLLOWING CONSIDERATIONS:

A) AAFLI NOT YET REGISTERED IN THAILAND;

B) TIMING OF SEMINAR INOPPORTUNE IN LIGHT OF CURRENT POLITICAL CONDITIONS;

C) POLICE HAD DIFFICULTY JUDGING WHETHER SEMINAR'S CONTENT APPROPRIATE AND BENEFICIAL TO THAILAND;

D) SEMINAR MIGHT STRENGTHEN SOLIDARITY AMONG UNIONS TO DETRIMENT OF EMPLOYER-EMPLOYEE RELATIONSHIPS;

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E) AAFLI GAVE PLICE INADEQUATE TIME TO STUDY AND PROCOESS REQUEST, WHICH SUBMITTED ONLY ON DECEMBER 2. MINIMUM OF THREE WEEKS NORMALLY REQUIRED.

2. COMMENT: ALHOUGH PM KRIANGSAK CHAMANAN HAS MOVED TOWARD MEETING SOME OF ORNGAIZED LABOR'S MORE PRESSING REQUESTS, NEW RTG HAS NOT YET ANNOUNCED COMPREHENSIVE LABOR POLICY NOR MADE

CONCRETE COMMITMENT ON CRUCIAL QUESTION OF LIFTING MARTIAL LAW
RESTRICTIONS ON LABOR SEMINARS AND ROUTINE UNION ACTIVITIES.
IN ABSENCE OF NEW POLICY DIRECTIVES, POLICE APPARENTLY
UNWILLING TO GET OUT INFRONT OF POLITICAL LADERSHIP. MOREOVER,
IT APPEARS BANGKOK METROPLITIAN POLICE DEPT., ESPECIALLY AT
WORKING LEVEL, STILL VIEW THAT LABOR MOVEMENT WITH SUSPICION.

3. UNDER CURRENT CIRCUMSTANCES EMBASSY HAS SUGGESTED TO AAFLI
REPRESENTATIVE THAT HE SHOULD FOCUS ON GETTING FAVORABLE DECISION
ON APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION AS FIRST STEP SINCE TRYING TO
FORCE THE PACE ON BASIC GOVERNMENT LABOR POLICIES COULD PROVE
COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE.

4. FOR OUR PART, WE ARE CONTINUING TO SUPPORT AAFLI EFFORT ON
REGISTRATION WITH SENIOR MINISTRY OF INTERIOR OFFICERS.
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